

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus configured to be worn on a torso of an individual, the apparatus comprising:

means for holding the apparatus on the torso; and

means for attaching a pocket to the means for holding, wherein the pocket includes:

an inner side attached to the means for holding;

an opening at a bottom of the pocket;

an outer side opposite the means for holding;

a flap for covering the opening; and

means for opening the flap away from the torso, wherein the flap detaches from at least one of: the inner side, the means for holding, or the means for attaching, and wherein the flap extends from the outer side during opening.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises one of a vest and a backpack.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes a second pocket having an opening at a top of the second pocket.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pocket further includes:

~~an outer side opposite the means for holding;~~

a left side and a right side that form a substantially rectangular holding area along with the outer side and the inner side; and

means for releasably attaching the flap to the left side and the right side.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes means for adjustably configuring a horizontal area of the pocket.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flap includes at least one of: a pull string and a handle for releasing the flap.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pocket further includes:

a reflector strip; and

means for selectively exposing the reflector strip.

8. (Currently amended) An apparatus configured to be worn on a torso of an individual, the apparatus comprising:

a holding system for holding the apparatus on the torso;

an attaching system for attaching a pocket to the holding system, wherein the pocket includes:

an outer side opposite the holding system;

an opening at a bottom of the pocket; and

a flap for releasably covering the opening, wherein the flap detaches from at least one of: an inner side of the pocket, the holding system, or the attaching system, and wherein the flap extends from the outer side during opening; and

an adjustment system for adjustably configuring a horizontal area of the pocket.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the flap releasably attaches to the pocket in at least three locations.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the apparatus comprises one of a vest and a backpack.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the adjustment system comprises at least one adjustable strap.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the adjustment system comprises:

a first adjustable strap for adjustably configuring a first side of the pocket; and

a second adjustable strap for adjustably configuring a second side of the pocket.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the pocket is attached to the holding system in an area configured to be located on the back of the torso.

15. (Currently amended) An apparatus configured to be worn on a torso of an individual, the apparatus comprising:

means for holding the apparatus on the torso; and

means for attaching a pocket to the means for holding, wherein the pocket includes:

an opening at a bottom of the pocket;

an outer side opposite the means for holding;

a left side and a right side that form a substantially rectangular holding area along with the outer side;

a flap for covering the opening, wherein the flap detaches from at least one of: an inner side adjacent the means for holding, the means for holding, or the means for attaching, and wherein the flap extends from the outer side during opening; and

means for releasably attaching the flap to the left side, the right side, and at least one of: the outer side, ~~an the inner side adjacent the means for holding, and or~~ the means for holding.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the apparatus further includes means for adjustably configuring a horizontal area of the pocket.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the flap is permanently attached to the outer side.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the means for releasably attaching comprise a hook and loop fastener.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the pocket is releasably attached to the means for holding.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the pocket further includes an opening at a top of the pocket.